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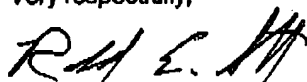
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Dear Examiner Spisich:

In response to the final office action mailed November 2, 2006, we enclose the following:

- 1) Amendment Transmittal with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated January 3, 2007 (2 pages); and
- 2) Amendment AF with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated January 3, 2007 (4 pages).

Very respectfully,

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 10/708,266. Confirmation No. 2265  
Applicant: : Mark E. Kirby  
Filed: : 02/20/2004  
TC/A.U. : 1744  
Examiner : Mark Spisich  
  
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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

**STATUS**

2. Applicant is an independent inventor.

**EXTENSION OF TERM**

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of time is required.

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**CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

(37 C.F.R. 1.8 (a))

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Amendment AP, including Amendments to the Claims and Remarks, are being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Art Unit 1744, Attn: Mark Spisich, (571) 273-8300, on January 3, 2007.

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No additional fee for claims is required.

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